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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief State School Officers
Lead Agency Directors

FROM: Thomas Hehir, Director
Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)

SUBJECT: Timeline for Implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
Amendments of 1997

The purpose of this memorandum is to transmit to State educational agencies (SEAs) and other interested individuals the attached summary of the time lines set forth in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997 (IDEA Amendments of 1997) for implementation of changes from prior law. As the attached guideline indicates, many of the changes in the IDEA take effect on enactment (as a practical matter, beginning with grants awarded on or about July 1, 1997). Other changes take effect at later dates. We will be issuing a further memorandum in the near future to:

- (1) inform SEAs of the procedures they are to follow in order to receive a grant award, under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Part B), for Federal fiscal year 1997 (i.e., the grant period beginning July 1, 1997),; and
- (2) summarize the relevant changes in Part B, as set forth in the IDEA Amendments of 1997, that affect State implementation for the 1997-1998 school year.

Guidance on aspects of the IDEA Amendments of 1997 that are not necessary to States' implementation of Part B for the period July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998 will be provided at a later date.

Attachment

cc: State Directors of Special Education
Part H Coordinators
Regional Resource Centers
Federal Resource Center
National Early Childhood Technical Assistance System
Technical Assistance for Parent Programs